

**COMMISSION ON TECHNOLOGY
e-COURT SUBCOMMITTEE
APPELLATE COURTS SUBTEAM
MEETING SUMMARY**

April 11, 2011
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

State Courts Building Room 415

**SUPREME COURT MEMBERS
PRESENT**

Justice Andrew Hurwitz
Clerk Rachelle Resnick
Staff Attorney Ellen Crowley

**APPEALS DIVISION ONE
MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chief Judge Ann Timmer*
Clerk Ruth Willingham
Jeremiah Matthews

**APPEALS DIVISION TWO MEMBERS
PRESENT**

Clerk Jeff Handler*
Chief Judge Joe Howard*

AOC STAFF & GUESTS

Stewart Bruner, *ITD*
Karl Heckart, *ITD*
Jim Price, *ITD*

* indicates appeared via telephone

AZTURBOCOURT STATUS AND SCHEDULE

Clerk Rachelle Resnick shared the most recent month's total number of AZTurboCourt filings. Judge Timmer reported that she had e-mailed an invitation to the appellate section of the State Bar to sign up for training and begin e-filing. Public defender agencies are almost all e-filing through TurboCourt now. Justice Hurwitz asked whether Division One should reach out to the rural counties in order to hasten the date for shutting down ACE. Rachelle will check the number of filings still being submitted through ACE.

Following a suggestion to increase case volume by expanding into juvenile case types, members raised a concern about confidentiality since TurboCourt presently allows any filer of a motion into a case to be considered a party, whether that claim is legitimate or not. Some drilling into the magnitude of the problem revealed that a risk does exist but the likelihood of an issue occurring is low, since only attorneys and government entities are filing at this point, not the general public. The system is being changed to hold the addition of parties to a case for judicial action. The decision was made to pursue adding juvenile-case-related e-filings.

“MUST HAVE” APPELLATE AUTOMATION ENHANCEMENTS

Karl Heckart brought members up to date with progress on the list of desired enhancements to TurboCourt discussed in previous meetings. Jim Price continues steering Intresys into a more defined release schedule for all enhancements. Karl anticipates the bulk of the requested items will be part of a July 8 release, but dialog about the details is continuing with the vendor. July 8 enhancements are also necessary

to support the Pima e-filing soft launch with law firms. A suggestion was made that mandatory appellate e-filing now be timed to coincide with mandatory e-filing in Pima. After July, the appellate e-filing URL can be published in Pima for permissive use. The goal is to begin a phase-in of mandatory e-filing in Pima over a period of months in the wake of the soft launch.

ACCESS TO CASE DATA AND DOCUMENTS FROM MARICOPA SUPERIOR COURT CLERK'S OFFICE

Karl Heckart recapped a conversation with Rich McHattie who is now in charge of the records management division at the clerk's office. Rich has committed to move all record on appeal filings into C2C but requested specific authorization to file death penalty appeals directly to the Supreme Court, since the current AO only applies to Division One. Members had no issue with the request.

Discussion turned to the timing for switching Division Two's e-filing automation from the homegrown e-filing system to AZTurboCourt. Jim Price confirmed that Mo is still awaiting final specifications to be able to scope the amount of effort required to make that transition. Members agreed to add the topic to the agenda in July.

OBTAINING ELECTRONIC TRANSCRIPTS

Justice Hurwitz recapped his conversation with Judge Winthrop about progress on obtaining court reporters' transcripts. Court Services needs to conduct tailored training for the reporters and determine the appropriate registration number for their use. Rachelle Resnick asked about including Pima court reporters in the training, as well. Justice Hurwitz specified that only the reporters handling death penalty cases should be added, not the group as a whole. Members speculated that Judge Winthrop may already be in contact with a Pima representative.

OTHER UPDATES AND ISSUES

Judge Timmer raised an issue for discussion related to re-titling and reformatting briefs for publication by WestLaw. Jeff Handler shared that Division Two simply uploads the brief "as-is" to West and has received no complaints. Justice Hurwitz advised Division One representatives to be consistent with what Division Two is doing.

WRAP UP

A follow-up meeting will be scheduled during the first week in May to report on progress and resolve any issues.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.